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Dear Dr. Jameson:

The International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Risk Science Institute (RSI) is pleased to provide a copy of the report of the ILSI Risk Science Institute Rodent Bladder Carcinogenesis Working Group. The report was published in *Food and Chemical Toxicology* (vol 33, number 9, 1995). We submit this publication in response to the NTP call for public comments on agents, substances, mixtures and exposure circumstances proposed for listing in or removing from the report on carcinogens, ninth edition. During 1993 and 1994, the ILSI Risk Science Institute convened an expert working group of scientists from industry, academia, and government to examine the issue of human relevance of bladder tumors that occur in rodents. The conclusions of the working group, which were published in the attached peer-reviewed document, should be pertinent to the NTP's considerations of the potential carcinogenicity of saccharin.

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We hope that the enclosed document is useful to the NTP during its deliberations on substances to be listed or removed in the ninth edition of the report on carcinogens. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information about the enclosed material, or should you have any questions about ILSI or the ILSI Risk Science Institute.

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